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To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WELTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the suddenly imposed duty of attempting an annual report for 1973. Much of the normally available information is not available and locally compiled information regarding births is liable to error amounting to absurdity and is accordingly not presented. The figures for deaths include a gross error in that deaths "transferred in" for the months of November and December, 1973 are not included, being not yet to hand.

Notifications of infectious disease are correct as received but the completeness of notification may not be 100%. They are in line with previous years.

Water Analysis results this year are listed as sheets of reports, averaging three reports per sheet and so are again comparable. Chemical analysis were, however, only two in number. The number of unsatisfactory bacteriological reports are, as stated, 5. This includes raw water but is an indication for close surveillance.

With the completion of the Southrey Sewage Scheme, the emptying of pail closets by the Council has ceased, and all reasonably densely populated areas are sewered, or have schemes at an advanced stage, delayed only by Central Government restriction. Difficulties with sewer overflow occur in the parish of Ingham.

With pressure on accommodation, it is not surprising that there has been a substantial increase in caravan living.

Treatment of rodent infestation has increased substantially, but it is not clear whether this is an increase in infestation or greater awareness of the problem.

In general the control of the environment remained satisfactory.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

S.A. O'HAGAN
Medical Officer of Health

Statistics and Social Conditions in the Area

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General Provision of Health Services

Little change took place in the structure of General Practitioner or Hospital Services, and the County Council's Ambulance service operated well.

Five Child Health Centres operate in the rural district as tabulated below. Those at Bardney and Cherry Willingham are manned by myself whilst the remainder are served by other Medical Officers of the County Council.

In addition, similar services have been provided at Scampton and Faldingworth R.A.F. Stations by co-operation between the Service and the County Council.

Child Health Centres

Bardney	The Clinic, Horncastle Road	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons in each month.
Cherry Willingham	The Health Centre	Every Wednesday afternoon.
Nettleham	The Health Centre	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons in each month.
Saxilby	The Health Centre	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons in each month.
Welton	The Health Centre, High Street	1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons in each month.

Infectious Diseases

Disease	Total Cases Notified
Infectious Jaundice	1
Sonne Dysentery	3
Scarlet Fever	10
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0
Measles.. . . .	11
Food Poisoning	5
Meningitis	1
Whooping Cough	0

Total Deaths

All. Causes:-

M. 117
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Water Analysis Results. (From Piped Supplies)

Total Samples Obtained	Bacteriological Examination	Chemical Examination	Results Satisfactory	Results Unsatisfactory
57	55	2	52	5

Water Analysis Results. (From Private Supplies)

Total Samples Obtained	Bacteriological Examination	Chemical Examination
-	-	-

Table showing the Parishes with number of Houses, and the number of Houses and Population with Mains supply direct.

Parish	Dwelling Houses	No. of Houses with Mains Supply Direct	Estimated population supplied (based on 3.25 persons per dwelling)	Census 1961
Aisthorpe	37	37	120	94
Apley	37	37	120	105
Bardney & Southrey	660	648	2106	1570
Barlings	169	163	529	443
Brattleby	33	30	97	84
Broxholme	22	16	52	56
Bullington	14	14	45	36
Burton	81	71	230	145
Caenby	28	26	84	86
Cammeringham	39	36	117	121
Carlton, North	46	44	143	99
Carlton, South	43	37	120	138
Cherry Willingham	1009	1006	3269	1061
Dunholme	566	558	1813	847
Faldingworth	106	99	321	248
Firsby, East & West	16	2	6	39
Fiskerton	334	334	1085	567
Friesthorpe	17	15	51	51
Fulnetby	12	9	29	38
Goltho	28	22	71	74
Grange-de-Lings	20	18	59	65
Greetwell	131	129	419	519
Hackthorn	85	83	269	232
Hanworth, Cold	15	12	39	66
Holton-cum-Beckering	38	34	110	115
Ingham	253	252	819	594
Nettleham	1150	1145	3721	1940
Newball	25	23	75	64
Normanby-by-Spital	105	102	331	248
Owmby-by-Spital	102	99	321	271
Rand	14	13	42	46
Reepham	334	326	1059	704
Rischolme	41	36	117	168
Saxby	18	14	45	66
Saxilby	1090	1050	3412	1636
Scampton	574	569	1849	2113
Scothern	231	228	741	537
Snelland	33	31	100	98
Spridlington	65	53	172	166
Stainfield	38	35	113	118
Snarford	21	21	68	70
Stainton	31	29	94	67
Sudbrooke	226	223	724	257
Thorpe-le-Fallows	8	6	19	33
Welton	570	554	1800	939
Wickenby	61	55	179	39
TOTALS:	8576	8344	27105	17205

Villages with Electricity Available

Electricity is available in every parish in the Council's area.

Villages with Gas Supply

Gas supplied (by E.M.G.B.) - 8 villages, Reepham, Cherry Willingham, Nettleham, Greetwell, Welton, Dunholme, Sudbrooke, Scothern.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

During the year the new sewerage works at Southrey were put into use.

Scavenging

The whole of the District is now on weekly collection. Polythene bin liners are in use throughout.

Pail Closet Emptying Service

The Council give full encouragement to owners of private property to convert pail closets to water closets with the help of improvement grants.

Refuse Disposal and Civic Amenities Act

Refuse disposal continues at the Council's two tips situated at Barlings Lane, Langworth and at Normanby. Maintenance is carried out daily by means of a hired machine. This vehicle is operated by one of the Council's drivers at the end of the day's work.

Cesspool Emptying

During the year 818 cesspools were emptied.

Meat and Other Foods

There are no licenced slaughter-houses being operated in the district.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954

2 Licences were in force at the end of 1972. During the year 2 were renewed, and 1 new one issued, making a total of 3 in force at the end of 1973.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16

One Certificate of Registration was issued for premises to be used for the sale of ice-cream.

Private House Improvements

The Council continued the policy of helping owners to improve their properties with the aid of improvement grants.

During the year the following houses were improved:-

	Houses	Total Cost	Grant Paid
Improvement Grant	47	£113,763	£31,401
Standard	7	£004,266	£01,514

Interim payments are ignored until final payment is made.

Housing Repairs and Rents Acts, 1954-57

Number of certificates of disrepair issued ,... ..Nil

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 312
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 625

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 43

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

3. Slum Clearance - proceedings under the Housing Acts
 - (a) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made (Individual unfit houses only) 5
 - (b) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders (Individual unfit houses only) 1
 - (c) Number of dwelling-houses, or parts, subject to Closing Orders 1
 - (g) Total number of dwelling-houses on which Demolition Orders are operative and which are still occupied except under the provisions of Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957 2
 - (h) Total number of dwelling-houses occupied under Sections 34, 35 and 46 of the Housing Act, 1957 -
 - (i) Houses demolished or closed voluntarily by owners which would otherwise have been the subject of statutory action to secure demolition or closure 16
4. Nissen Huts or other similar Hutments:-
 - (a) Number still occupied -
 - (b) Date by which it is anticipated occupants will be re-housed... .. -

5. Estimated number of dwellings, excluding those under paragraph (4) above, remaining to be dealt with under:-
- | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) The Housing Act, 1957, Section 16 and 18 | ... | ... | ... | 44 |
| (b) The Housing Act, 1957, Section 42 | ... | ... | ... | - |

New Housing

262 houses were built of which 6 were erected by the Local Authority.
256 by private builders.

At the end of the year there were 140 private houses under construction.

General

The new scheme for Standard and Improvement Grants introduced by the Housing Act, 1969 has worked very well and produced a number of applications.

There is one disturbing feature, however, in that since the repayment conditions for Improvement Grants was removed there has been a tendency for speculators to be in a position to compete with persons requiring houses for their own occupation and, whilst this is an undesirable side effect, it has no doubt produced conditions envisaged by the Act in that the improvement of the maximum possible number of houses is being secured.

Movable Dwellings, Tents, Vans, etc.

No. of Site licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
No. of Caravans permitted thereon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	313
Inspections - Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	147
Inspections - Caravans	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Contraventions remedied	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Food Premises - Bakehouses

No. in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of inspections	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
No. of contraventions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Meat Products

No. of Premises registered for manufacture	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
No. of inspections made	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
No. of contraventions	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
No. of contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

Ice Cream

No. of Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
No. of premises registered for sale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73

Other Food Premises

No. of Inspections	185
No. of Contraventions found	15
No. of Contraventions remedied	12

Sanitary Accommodation

No. of houses with vaults in district	(Est'd).	-
No. of houses with pail closets in district	(Est'd).	39
No. of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles	(Est'd).	-
No. of houses with water-closets in district	(Est'd).	8537

Drains

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.....	85
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Disinfection, etc.

Rooms disinfected:

(a) Ordinary infectious disease	-
(b) Tuberculosis	-
No. of premises disinfested	-

Nuisances

Total No. of Nuisances during year:-

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Public Health Inspector... ..	24
(2) Reported to Council (Statutory notice not issued)	-
(Statutory notice issued)	1

Details of Nuisances abated

	After informal notice	After Statutory notice
After informal information:-		
Accumulation of refuse	3	-
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	5	-
Fowls, pigs and other animals	7	-
Drainage	5	1
Other nuisances	4	-
Dangerous premises	-	-

Atmospheric Pollution

No. of Visits	23
No. of Nuisances found	3
No. of Nuisances abated	3

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936

Licence granted - Renewals	73
1 new Licence and 72 Renewals	

Rats and Mice Destruction (Domestic and Business Premises)

Total No. of premises treated	823
Dwelling-houses... ..	738
Other premises	38

A staff of 2 full time Rodent Operators is employed by the Council.

The late Mr. T. Elvidge who was employed as part time operator to control infestation on the tip at Barlings, died in October, 1972. This work has since been carried out by one of the permanent operators when necessary, on Saturday mornings.

A free service is given to domestic households and the following is an extract from the annual report made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	8576	410
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	628	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	385	-
(ii) Mice	84	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and or mice for reasons other than notification.	782	166
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	340	415
(ii) Mice	14	-

Rats and Mice Destruction. (Farm Contract Service)

During the year, contracts to the value of £1,441.32 were entered into, in respect of 166 farms and small holdings.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

During the year 5 licences were issued. Throughout the year all premises were operated without complaint in so far as the requirements of the Act are concerned.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

No. of Premises registered	62
No. of Inspections..	57
No. of defects	3
No. of defects remedied	3

APPENDIX 1.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	68	33	2	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	103	187	Nil	Nil
Total	171	220	2	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

(1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (s.3)	1	-	1	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	-	1	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. By H.M. Inspector (4)	Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	1	Nil	1	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2	1	Nil	1	Nil

Part VIII of the Act
Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel (Making etc.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

HOUSING PROGRESS (L.A. and Others)COUNCIL HOUSING (Permanent)

	<u>1973</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aisthorpe	-	24	-	-
Apley	-	11	-	4
Bardney	6	339	2	190
Barlings	-	103	-	39
Brattleby	-	4	-	-
Broxholme	1	5	-	-
Bullington	-	5	-	-
Burton	2	29	-	-
Caenby	-	11	-	4
Cammeringham	-	10	-	2
Carlton North	-	17	-	4
Carlton South	-	10	-	2
Cherry Willingham	12	933	-	24
Dunholme	5	510	-	121
Faldingworth	3	42	-	12
Fiskerton	21	274	-	99
Friesthorpe	-	8	-	4
Golto	-	2	-	-
Grange-de-Lings	-	7	-	6
Greetwell	4	164	-	-
Hackthorn	1	24	-	6
Hanworth, Cold	-	2	-	2
Holton Beckering	-	14	-	6
Ingham	8	130	-	52
Nettleham	41	1049	4	138
Newball	-	3	-	-
Normanby	4	41	-	20
Owmby	-	60	-	29
Rand	-	3	-	-
Reepham	11	245	-	52
Riseholme	-	23	-	-
Saxilby	83	783	-	108
Saxby	-	3	-	-
Scampton	1	19	-	-
Scothern	1	160	-	43
Snarford	-	6	-	6
Snelland	-	11	-	6
Southrey	8	29	-	-
Spridlington	-	34	-	10
Stainfield	-	7	-	4
Stainton	1	5	-	-
Sudbrooke	31	195	-	-
Welton	18	412	-	52
Wickenby	-	15	-	8
TOTALS	262	5781	6	1053